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Stuart Baker Elementary School students from Madame Brown and Madame Zahab classes cheer, following a clean-up of the school property for Earth Day 2022 on Friday, April 22 in Haliburton. The students recognized the day with their effort to beautify the school area. Earth Day began 52 years ago as an effort raise awareness about sustainability threats to climate change. There are close to 200 countries that recognize the day, which supports environmental diversity as well as to support environmental protection.
/Submitted by Marie Zahab

COVID-19 transmissions rising in HKPR region

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit board of health meeting held virtually on April 21.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, medical officer of health, addressed the board with a COVID-19 update the day after strongly recommending masks be used in indoor settings, including schools, as a result of a surge of infection, part of the sixth wave. "I don't think any of us imagined we

would reach this number of waves, and hard to know how many waves we will see in the future," Bocking said.

Bocking said there had been a significant increase in COVID-19 activity across the three regions of the health unit, with approximately 46 new lab-confirmed cases reported each day and noted "this

is just the tip of the iceberg," as only those living or working in high-risk facilities have access to PCR testing.

The number of outbreaks has increased dramatically, she said, with 17 at press time, nine hospitalizations had occurred

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COVID-19 outbreak declared at Community Living home

Three people supported at Haliburton's Community Living home and three staff have tested positive for COVID-19. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit declared an outbreak at the facility on April 14.

"I am pleased to report that everyone is recovering and are well enough now to be bored with isolation," said Teresa Jordan, executive director of Community Living Trent Highlands. "As with other outbreaks, I cannot say enough about staff that dedicate extra time and care. When we are in outbreak that means that they must take extra measures with PPE and cleaning and work extra shifts as we are down staff. I compare it to running toward the fire, staff that suit up, jump in and stay throughout the crisis - it is a tremendous testament to fortitude and resilience."

At press time, the health unit was reporting 17 outbreaks of COVID-19 at high-risk settings throughout the region.

"The health unit has been wondrous with testing, monitoring and guiding our outbreak," Jordan said. "HKPRDHU has been very responsive to our staff and our people with PCR tests as needed given the nature of what we do."

The outbreak is the second at a Community Living home in Haliburton this year, the first being declared Jan. 18 at the facility on Mountain Street.

"Again, I just want to thank the community for all the support and encouragement we have had throughout these very trying times, and we look so forward to a time when as an agency we can again be more connected, involved and contributing to this great community," Jordan said.

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According to the health unit, a COVID-19 outbreak is declared in a community living setting if two or more clients and/or staff (or other visitors) test positive for the virus through a PCR test, rapid molecular test, or rapid antigen test and there is a clear epidemiological link between the cases.

"This means there is reasonable evidence of transmission between the affected individuals and a risk of COVID-19 being spread to other clients within the community living setting," said Bill Eekhof, HKPR communications. For more information on community outbreaks (currently reported in high-risk settings only) visit www.hkpr.on.ca/my-community/community-outbreaks.

- Staff

Unclear what impact of sixth wave will be on hospital, ICU admissions

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in the past two weeks, and test positivity at 21 per cent was approaching the highest it has been, at 23.5 per cent in January. Wastewater is showing high signals of viral activity in Lindsay and Cobourg.

Since Jan. 1, there have been 31 deaths in the region associated with COVID-19 and 58 outbreaks.

Risk of re-infection is high

The BA.2 Omicron sub-variant is the most infectious variant the health unit has seen yet, said Bocking, with a similar severity to the original Omicron variant, with a risk of re-infection, even with individuals that might have been infected with the Omicron variant in January.

"Other things that are different this time around, and this wave, is that we don't have broader public health restrictions or regulations in place, so there are no broad mask mandates in place, capacity restrictions in venues, and the Reopening Ontario Act did expire at the end of March ... And in this wave it's unclear what the overall impact will be on hospital and ICU admissions with severe illness."

Bocking said while there were high admissions during the Omicron wave, or fifth wave, that the population is highly immunized with booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and many people did have infection in January and February.

"Certainly the message we're receiving from the province is that they're not expecting the same burden on the acute care system with regards to hospitalizations for severe illness," Bocking said. "I'm quite hopeful that this will be the case but there is some uncertainty on what the impact will be."

'When is this going to end?'

Pandemic fatigue "is a real thing," Bocking said, and is being seen in the community in general, community partners, health sector colleagues and among health unit staff.

"Everyone is asking, 'when is this going to end?' and I think the reality at this point in time is that this is not something that's going to end, per se, that this is something we now need to ensure we're planning to enable ongoing responses in a way that doesn't create the anxiety and stress associated with surges of activity that we have for each of the previous waves."

Bocking said one challenge that remains is that the health unit has had promises from the province for one-time COVID-19 funding, and funding for 2022 related to school-focused nurses, but not long-term commitments that have enabled the health unit to make permanent hires to support a sustainable approach rather than use contract staff for surges.

Rollout of Paxlovid

Bill Cane, a councillor from Northumberland County who sits on the board of health, asked about access to Paxlovid, an antiviral treatment, noting he'd heard the region had only a small amount of the medication, which is used for people at higher risk of severe outcomes due to COVID-19. He said one constituent had expressed a complaint that they had attempted to access the treatment, "but by the time they jumped through all the red tape and hurdles, they were told it's too late to bother. That's frustrating."

He asked if anything was being done to reduce the red tape in accessing the medication.

"Having tools in the toolbox, it's not going to do much

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Everyone is asking, 'when is this going to end?' ... this is something we now need to ensure we're planning to enable ongoing responses in a way that doesn't create the anxiety and stress associated with surges of activity that we have for each of the previous waves.

— Dr. Natalie Bocking

good if you don't take it out," he said.

Bocking said the health unit wasn't involved in the rollout of Paxlovid at all, with Cane noting, "maybe we should be."

Prior to this wave, Bocking said eligibility was more restricted, there were fewer doses, and a slower rollout. When this wave started, she said, the province highlighted Paxlovid as being a tool to use, but didn't have all the puzzle pieces in place. She said access was improving, but said, "as is often the case," policies were being announced, prior to rollout being completed.

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The junior Red Hawks badminton team of head coach Jason Morissette, from left, at back, Avery Degeer, Ethan Dobson, Aiden Perrott, Cooper Coles, Colby Coumbs, Taylor Consack, Magnum Moshenko, and Valerie Zagorsky, from left at front, Sofie Mills and Kara Chumbley at the Kawartha Championship tournament held at the Campbell District High School on April 24 in Campbellford. The boys doubles team of Perrott and Coles advanced to the COSSA championship this week by earning first place. /Submitted by Jason Morissette

Music opportunity for youth with blues contest

DARREN LUM

Editor

The Highlands Buckslide Blues Society is offering an opportunity for the next B.B. King or Janis Joplin to be discovered with an upcoming music contest.

Open to Highlands' youth 12 to 18-years-old, the Road to Kitchener Blues-fest Youth Camp Contest includes a prize package for two winners, who will receive the 2022 Patrick Monaghan Blues Cruise Award, an all expense paid trip to the four-day (from Aug. 1 to 4) 2022 Grand River Blues Youth Camp in Kitchener (kitchenerbluesfestival.com); full participation on a song track for an upcoming B&B Blues Band CD; a surprise gift for the winners presented on the announcement; working with seniors in the community promoting and celebrating blues music, a guest appearance on the Buckslide Blues Cruise radio show on Canoe FM 100.9, and participation with the B&B Blues Band at the Haliburton Head Lake Concert Series in August, as organized by the Rotary Club of Haliburton.

Patrick Monaghan, the founder of the registered not-for-profit corporation, the Highlands Buckslide Blues Society said the idea for this contest came from how he wanted to emulate what other blues clubs do to send bands to the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee.

The contest, which will be announced at an upcoming concert headlined by the B&B Blues Band on April 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton, is about giving an opportunity for young music lovers to take their skills to the next level, he said.

"It'll certainly give them a big boost in confidence. It'll get their name out there. If they go far enough up the [professional music] ladder, they'll know whether they really want to do it or not. That's for sure," Monaghan said. "They'll get to meet people in the business, which I can tell you it's a made a huge difference in my life."

Monaghan said the success of his radio show, the Buckslide Blues Cruise Show, correlates with the connections he has made, and how he has developed numerous relationships with professionals in the music industry. He was the recipient of the National Campus and Community Radio Association Award: Best Jazz or Blues Radio Show demonstrating his passion for the blues. He jokes how he can't carry

a tune in bucket, but his engagement and ability to network has enabled him to be included in the industry he loves.

The youth camp contest rules states contestants must submit a video of less than five-minutes of an original or covered blues song performance for pre-judging to qualify for an invite to the May 25 opportunity to perform for a panel of five judges. Applicants, who will be judged on originality, stage presence, and musicality, can upload an audition tape to YouTube. Original music is encouraged, but covers are accepted, except there should be an attempt to "make it" the rendition your own.

Send the YouTube audition link and application to highlandsbbs@gmail.com by May 18. If you're unable to download the video, make sure to send the application to be considered. Parental release is required for finalist entry to qualify for prizes and permission for any media coverage.

Monaghan said another thing the winners of the contest will gain is perspective.

"Aim them in the right direction of something they already love and [we're] trying to nurture that and give them some little networking [edge], meet a few people in the business," Monaghan said. "When they go to this camp there's 50 kids. So, they're surrounded by 50 people. They all have talent. So, it's like a good eye-opener for them."

The music camp in Kitchener has proven to enhance and encourage skill development.

Another Society effort

The Highlands Buckslide Blues Society will be launching The Music Revival Project, an opportunity to help long-term care patients affected by alzheimer's disease and dementia with music. The project includes the provision of wireless noise cancellation headphones and a music player, which will be loaded with music compiled by families, long-term care staff and Society members.

Other support for the Society's efforts has come from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, Canoe FM radio station and Muligans Bar and Patio.

For more information about the Society see www.highlandsbuckslidebluesociety.com or contact president Patrick Monaghan at 705-306-0181 or marketing Rusty Rustenberg at 705-464-1719.



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Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the 2022 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 9, 2022.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

Forms for corporate membership can be found on HHHS' website - hhhs.ca
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Rickerby laughs during the Job Fair on Wednesday, April 20 at the area high school.

The Job Fair included 17 vendors representing a variety of industries such as the trades, retail, recreation, accommodations and food. The vendors included BKS Carpentry, Braun Custom Builds, CDH Carpentry, Cedar Winds Design & Build, Extendicare, Fleming Crew, Haliburton Golf Centre, Home Hardware, Kawartha Dairy, Mill House Design, Northern HVAC, Pinestone Resort, Rodco Enterprises, Sir Sam's Ski & Bike, The Dock Shop, Up Right Roofing, and Welch Garage door.

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est event, the New To You Community Yard Sale!

The New To You Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, July 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the A.J. LaRue Arena, located at 728 Mountain Street in Haliburton.

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Consultants question Grass Lake proposal

Haliburton resident group, Friends of Grass Lake (FGL) has been working with a full service planning firm, D.M. Wills Associates Limited (Wills) out of Peterborough. On behalf of FGL, Wills submitted their letter of opposition to Dysart et al planners on Mar. 16, 2022.

The prospect of a large condo development of 88 condos and commercial activities adjacent to an untouched wetland rich in flora and fauna, has deeply alarmed the environmentally aware residents of Grass Lake and the wider community.

FGL formed in August 2021, and in short order, the group garnered remarkable and still growing community support for their common cause. Residents quickly made their opposition known through letters to the Council of Dysart et al, letters to editors of the local papers, erecting roadside signs, and launching a Facebook site among other activities.

"The remarkable level of support made it possible for the group to engage the professional representation of a planning firm," said Catherine Swift, resident and member of Friends of Grass Lake.

"Planners with the firm say we have very good reasons to be opposed to this development and they've itemized a laundry list of major deficiencies," says Carolyn Langdon, long-time resident and member of the Friends of Grass Lake.

"In the expert opinion of our planning firm, the applications before the municipality are 'premature and incomplete' as they do not provide the necessary plans and studies to determine if the proposed condo and commercial development is appropriate and can be accommodated on the site." (See Mayor Andrea Roberts' response on the same page)

"Harburn Holdings wants to create a new commer-

cial lot on the corner of [County Road] 21 and Peninsula Road but our experts found that a new lot won't meet the county's policy of a minimum frontage of 150 metres," said Swift. "As laypeople we wouldn't have known this and that's why it is so important for our resident group to bring in planning specialists."

The appendix contains aerial photos that show that trees were removed from along the shoreline possibly or definitively in contravention of the tree removal bylaw. Aerial photos also show that the high water mark may have been significantly modified by the addition and removal of fill. If there has been a violation under either the Public Lands Act or the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, restoration may be required of the landowner to return the shoreline to its original condition. (Please refer to Appendix A in the Letter and to No. 2 and No. 8 in the Highlights and Comments document.)

FGL has alerted the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) about our serious concerns. This spring the MNRF and DFO will be conducting an investigation to assess the alterations made to the site over the years.

"I've been at this a long time and I feel buoyed by the groundswell of community support and the fact that the MNRF is willing to listen to ordinary residents to understand the situation within our township and the wetland," said nearby resident Lynda Williams.

References:

No. 2

Intensive and multi-unit development is to take place in the Village of Haliburton where a lot can be cov-

ered by a building. The Grass Lake Wetland property is outside the Village of Haliburton and according to Dysart's own policy not appropriate for the development proposed. Furthermore the property is currently designated Environmental Protection (EP) and Rural which permits only one residence and no development on land zoned EP. Williams has been writing letters to authorities and documenting the slow but dramatic changes to the site since the property changed hands in 2003.

No. 8

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has been contacted by FGL and will be reviewing the alterations made to the site to determine if any fish or fish habitat have been negatively impacted, habitat identified as "critical" by Harburn Holdings own Environmental Impact Assessment Study. With this knowledge, Harburn Holdings still proceeded to include on its submitted site plan a dock to be built adjacent to this critical fish habitat.

Appendix A

www.dysartetal.ca/en/build-and-invest/current-development-applications.aspx#Harburn-Holdings-Ltd-Official-Plan-File-No-D10-OPA-2021-001---Zoning-By-law-Amendment-File-No-D14-ZB-2021-006

- Submitted by Carolyn Langdon of FGL

Mayor Roberts addresses op-ed, Consultants questions Grass Lake proposal

When reached to comment about the op-ed *Consultants question Grass Lake proposal*, the Municipality of Dysart et al's Mayor Andrea Roberts said in an email, "No, I won't comment at this time, but I will say this: there will be due process for this application and I will ask my questions during the rezoning application meeting, when there are staff and the applicant present to comment," she said. "Many people who are opposed continually reach out to me or the rest of council to comment on an application that has not come to the council table. That's not the way it works. The applicant will have an opportunity to present their proposal, staff will comment, and members of the public can comment in person, (registered on Zoom), or in writing."

Carolyn Langdon, resident and member of the Friends of Grass Lake responded to the mayor's comments with this emailed response:

The applicant, Harburn Holdings, had access to the planning department and all its resources in a pre-consultation phase. The township mailed out an information package to residents in June 2021 on behalf of the applicant which the "process" didn't require. The residents of Grass Lake had access to nothing. We had to find our own way through the labyrinth of planning processes, maps and specialized language. We undertook this diligently and doggedly, spending hours meeting and poring over documents and maps. We appealed for help to our local councillor and mayor and were met with "no comment." At great expense we finally hired a full service planning firm out of Peterborough who prepared, on our behalf, a 34 page response including appendices. This due process that the mayor refers to allows us five minutes access to our publicly elected council. Friends of Grass Lake can appear before council at a public meeting and will have five minutes to state their concerns. Five minutes to point out egregious deficiencies, and numerous contraventions of Official Policy. How is this going to be possible? Is this the only occasion to speak with our publicly elected officials? The municipal election in November can't

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— Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts

come soon enough.

FGL will now be represented by D.M. Wills before council and therefore have only one delegate at the public meeting.) www.dysartetal.ca/en/build-and-invest/planning-and-land-use.aspx#Pre-Consultation

We had full intentions of responding without the expense of representation but once we started digging we came up with more questions than answers. In an attempt to get some of these questions answered in a straightforward manner we came up against an impermeable wall of bureaucracy. We were referred to documents whose archaic language we had difficulty understanding. We were also referred to a newly digitized Ontario government site for maps, maps which the planning department must have downloaded themselves during the pre-consultation phase. We put hours and hours of searching and a few hundred dollars down that rabbit hole, called the Onland Ontario Registry Access Portal.

We could get no guidance from the council representative for the area or the mayor on how to navigate the planning process or to understand how a property owner can make major site alterations prior to applying for a building application without the township having any knowledge of or role in the process. It has gotten so bad that we now have to resort to the time consuming and costly Freedom of Information process to get information.

No one would offer us the information that Dysart, unlike the majority of townships across the province, has no site alteration bylaw that would have outlined dos and don'ts for landowners felling trees and bulldozing land. The average person still believes that townships wouldn't let landowners get away with practices such as dredging and filling in wetlands. We now know that Dysart is one of only three holdouts in Ontario without this level of protection.

It's been an expensive and steep learning curve. We hope to be able to share with other county residents what we've learned about this wetland site including the larger picture of how unprepared we are as a township and as a county to manage future development.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Pick up the mantle

FROM AN EDITORIAL last month, I wrote about how purpose can provide the motivation to start the day and find the resolve in the face of challenges.

Tired of how the government has been run? Ready to bring a vision and execute a plan for the community? What better way than by running for municipal politics, which has far reaching influence in all facets of life here for the next quarter of this century.

The Highlands face great challenges, whether it's housing, the environment, or ensuring services are maintained despite growing personnel shortages. You can be part of the change. There is a watershed moment facing communities across Ontario, and there is an opportunity to be part of history by moving our communities forward.

With all the difficulties that come with the job, there is also fulfillment like nothing else, if we are to believe Dysart et al's Mayor Andrea Roberts, who has decided to step away from politics after 16 years of service.

"This is my home. So, I think I'm just most proud of that I had the opportunity to serve my community in this way. It really isn't any one event or thing. There's lot and lots over the whole overall 16 years," she said.

Like Roberts, Ward 2 Councillor Larry Clarke notified the news media he will not be running for re-election.

"Dysart, similar to most rural communities, is experiencing significant changes and challenges related to population growth, environment and support from upper levels of government. We have many talented people in this community who can bring skill and vision to council, but they do require time to research and consider the challenges and opportunities related to a position on council," he said.

Clarke noted how Ward 2 is the largest in Dysart et al, with its 25 lakes, four active cottager associations and 217 roads/lanes. From 2018 informa-

tion, he said the ward has 3,833 voters, including 1,539 who identify as permanent residents.

Receive invaluable information with tonight's (April 26) candidate information session at 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton Branch 129, located at 719 Mountain Street. It is recommended for potential candidates, spouse or partner (and family members of potential candidates), and anyone interested in learning more about local government. The session will be led by Fred Dean, a municipal coach and former municipal solicitor who has been training members and heads of council since 2002. The session will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of municipal council members and explain how public office will affect life.

This event is being offered both in person as well as virtually. There is no registration required for in person attendance. To register virtually please visit www.dysartetel.ca/election/

"The next few months should provide some great opportunity for discussion on what our community could look like going forward," Clarke said.

To take the general sentiment from encouraging people to donate blood, a community needs passion, it's in us to give, so throw your hat in the ring. The opportunity will be coming with the upcoming municipal and school board election later this year on Monday, Oct. 24.

Important dates:

May 2 the candidate nomination period and third party advertiser registration period opens.

August 19 is nomination day – candidate nomination period closes at 2 p.m. Nominations are certified as of Aug. 22. If any, candidates elected by acclamation are declared.

Advanced voting period beginning Oct. 14. Voting can be performed via internet or telephone. Municipal elections are held every four years.



darren lum

Editorial



Crocus

by Darren Lum

Eagles and swallows

IT'S EARTH DAY and Jim and I are at our friend's cottage. We spent the day outside walking and looking for birds. Spring migration is underway and new species arrive daily.

Jim and Peter are like kids on Christmas morning each time they spot a bird they haven't seen yet this year. They are delighted again, and again, and again. It is a perfect way to spend a day. Quiet, peaceful and in beauty.

Two moments from the day stood out for me. In the afternoon we hiked out to a lake to search for a bald eagle's nest that has been in a huge pine tree, very high up, for years and years. We all have our binoculars and my friend has a big scope. A bald eagles nest is the largest of any bird in North America and is called an aerie.

A typical nest will range from 1.8 to 3 meters (six to 10 feet) in diameter and about 1.8 to 3 meters (six to 10 feet) high. Some are much larger. Immediately we can see that there is a female eagle sitting on the nest. Her white head and wings are easy to identify. To spot her feels the same as when you are lucky enough to see a moose. A sense of awe is the only way to describe it. We watch her for a while, and then a male arrives and lands in the nest with her. We can see him moving around for a few moments and then he flies down and lands on a branch overlook-

ing the lake.

Having a good scope allows us to get a some really good views of him. We watch for a while and eventually leave them in peace. It is an image I won't forget. My second moment of the day was going for a walk after dinner.

So many birds have arrived in our area and as we walk along the road hundreds of tree swallows fly in a wave like pattern above us. We walk the length of the road and the birds just keep coming and going. The birders in our group tell us that these birds just arrived from the southern US or Central America. "Migrating tree swallows can form enormous flocks numbering in the hundreds of thousands. They gather about an hour before sunset and form a dense cloud above a roost site (such as a cattail marsh or grove of small trees), swirling around like a living tornado.

With each pass, more birds drop down until they are all settled on the roost."

I find it fascinating that there is always something new to learn and observe every time we go out. Our day ends with a rousing game of Sibley Backyard Birding Bingo. It is a game for bird lovers and bingo lovers (that includes so many people in our county)!!!

I highly recommend it for a night of family fun. The perfect ending to Earth Day. We are grateful.

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points of view

The night before turkey hunting

IF THIS COLUMN seems a bit different than most, it might be because panic was not a part of it. This time, I ignored my usual writing process: getting up on Monday morning, having a coffee, walking my dog, feeding our two cats, eating breakfast, reading, tying a fly, watching the morning news, thinking of taking up jogging and then talking myself out of it. And then, around 45 minutes before deadline, remembering I have a column to write.

This has been my formula for success for more than 20 years. Also, the main reason I have never been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

This column is different, however. I was forced to write it the night before.

Why?

Because tomorrow morning I plan on sitting in the woods so I can serenade my surroundings with seductive calls designed to make a male wild turkey fall madly in love with me. Before you judge, you should probably also know that this is for a very good reason. You see, if I can sweet talk a tom or a jake with superior turkey calling, it will rush in with the intention of having "relations" with my favourite rubber hen decoy, Mildred. And I will be watching.

But not in a creepy way, so much as in a protective, heavily armed way.

See? That's not so weird, is it?

What I have just described is actually the hardest part of turkey hunting – which is trying to imitate a hen who has very low standards.

To the uninitiated, it doesn't sound like much.

Non-hunters only hear, "errrr... errr ... errr ...," or sometimes "cluck, cluck, cluck," or even "purr, purr, purr." But that's because non-hunters don't understand the nuances of the turkey's language.

The male turkey hears things differently, however.

To them "Errrr ... errr ... errr," roughly translates to, "Hey, handsome! I am a single, uninhibited hen, who has made millions of dollars from posing naked for Butterball turkey calendars. And I'm bored, new in town, adventurous, and really, really lonely. Why don't you race down here so we can get acquainted?"

As you might imagine, that's going to get the attention of any gobbler within earshot. And, often, when the toms and jakes hear that sort of racy message they come running. On occasion, however, they will stop and ask themselves whether this sounds just a little too good to be true. Or, in some cases, whether she has a brother.

And that's when you hit them with a cluck ... cluck ... cluck.

This ratchets things up a bit and essentially is the equivalent of, "Also, I heard you are a great fisherman. Which is wonderful because I love to hear fishing stories and could look all day at photos of you posing with various fish. And, oh, did I mention I have my own bass boat and my rich uncle left me a huge private lake filled with trophy sized trout?"

This is typically enough to bring in every male turkey within earshot, but sometimes you run into a really wary old tom who has heard it all before.

That's when you add a few "purr, purr, purr" calls.

Which says, "It's really no big deal if you have something better to do. I think I see your best friend heading this way anyhow."

Sometimes that's the case too. And I'm OK with either of them showing up. Provided neither tries to get too fresh with Mildred ...



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

The photo is set in the kitchen of the house belonging to the Moon family, which dates from the late-1910s. The woman on the left is Clara Moon (1877-1959). Her maiden name was Coxon and she was married to John Stratton Moon. Unfortunately, we don't know the name of the woman rolling the pastry on the right, but if anyone can identify her, we'd love to hear! Submitted by Kate Butler, Haliburton Highlands Museum

letters to the editor

MHCCF invites concerned public to upcoming meeting

To the Editor,

In the last few weeks more than 30 friends of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC) concerned with recent events at the MHCC came together to collaborate on a vision for its future. Out of this collaboration, a clear vision and a plan for its achievement were developed along with a presentation to Minden Hills council. This presentation is now on the agenda of the council's April 28th meeting.

The friends of MHCC is a diverse group representing local interested citizens and organizations supporting the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village, Nature's Place as well as artists and members of the education and environmental communities. This partnership has resulted in a shared plan for the growth and development of MHCC which collec-

tively we believe will provide a valuable contribution to Minden Hills and the extended community going forward.

We encourage all interested parties to attend the council meeting (please check the Minden Hills web site <https://mindenhills.ca/> for meeting details) and we look forward to further dialog with the council, Minden Hills township staff and the community at large on our recommendations.

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the presentation. We will publish the presentation when released by the council and provide updates going forward on our web site [MHCCF.ca](https://mhccf.ca).

Neil Briggs,
President

on behalf of the directors of
The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation

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Volunteer Week



Andy Dawson, who is a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus visiting his father Art, drives off the tee at a past Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic in support of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. The money raised from this annual event and others like it helps to fund important purchases for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. /FILE



The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's major fundraiser with Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic will return this year. Matt Duchene is planning to come. /FILE

Thank you volunteers – for exemplifying empathy in action

Songwriter and poet James Durst said, "Help one another. There's no time like the present, and no present like the time."

Those who volunteer their time in the service of others instinctively understand the value of that statement. And as Canadians, we absolutely understand the value of volunteering. According to Volunteer Canada (www.volunteer.ca), in 2018 over 24 million people volunteered in some capacity, accounting for 79 per cent of Canadians aged 15 and older, dedicated approximately five billion hours to volunteer activities (that's the equivalent of more than 2.5 million full-time, year-round jobs).

For the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS)

and the Foundation here in Haliburton County, that's historically represented more than 300 volunteers, generously contributing tens of thousands of hours of time and talent each year, covering a wide range of assistance and service including: Long Term Care Homes (Hyland Crest and Highland Wood); hospital volunteers; hospital auxiliaries; Community Support Services; Adult Day Program; social recognition; Foundation fundraising events; hospice, to name just some. And we can't forget the many community members who have shared their talents as entertainers, gardeners, storytellers to our Long Term Care residents.

Brigitte Gebauer, the coordinator of Volunteer Services

for HHHS, often talks about the amazing group of volunteers who are such an important part of the HHHS organization, and most recently, those who were able to continue to volunteer during the pandemic. During the pandemic those HHHS volunteers were, in her words, community superheroes – as they continued delivering meals, prescriptions, driving people to appointments, and relieving loneliness through phone calls and virtual visits.

As pandemic restrictions are lifted, and the community moves to that next normal, the need for volunteers remains high. The health and safety of patients, clients, staff and volunteers continues to be of the highest priority for HHHS, and the re-orientation and education of safety protocols for all volunteers will continue to be geared to making the volunteer experience fulfilling and safe.

In this year's Volunteer Week message, Volunteer Canada identifies that "volunteering, putting empathy into action, can build communities where people feel happier, healthier, and more welcome ... creating a stronger more connected [community]." And with so many people moving into this community, volunteering can be a great way to get to know new neighbours and community services.

During National Volunteer Week, we celebrate the contributions of our HHHS volunteers - past, present, and to come – through their actions, their understanding, and their genuine concern for HHHS - clients, residents and patients, staff and the organization.

To those who devote volunteer efforts to our health care services we are proud to have such an amazing group of people as part of the fabric of the HHHS organization. Thank you for all you do!

To everyone who volunteers any of their time, anywhere, at any time – thanks so much for the lives you touch, the empathy you show, the contributions you make to the health and wellness of people and community.

For more information on volunteer opportunities with HHHS visit hhhs.ca/volunteers, or call Brigitte directly at 705-457-1392 ext. 2927, or call Carol 705-457-1580 regarding opportunities to volunteer with the Foundation.

Submitted by Lisa Tompkins, HHHS Foundation, with thanks to Brigitte Gebauer, HHHS



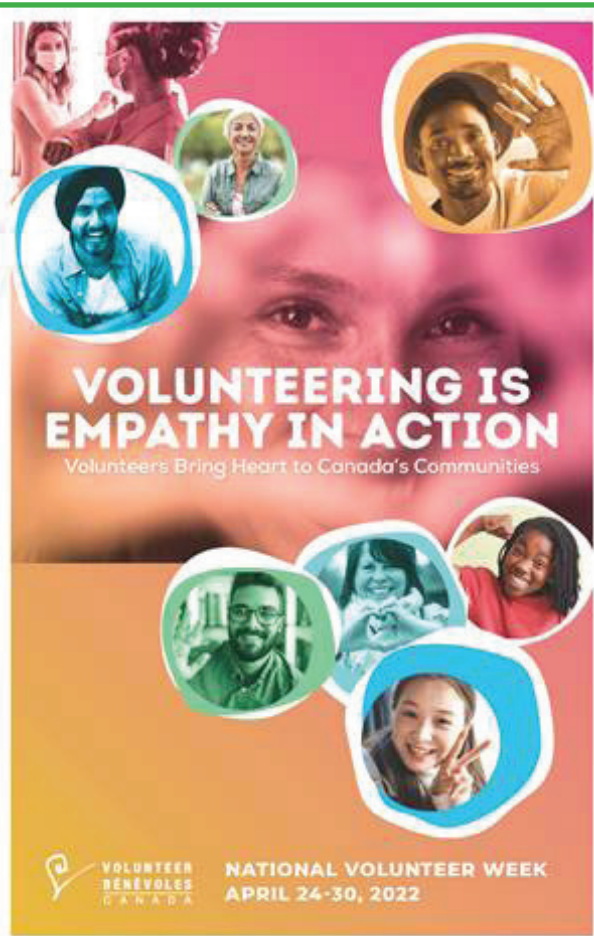
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Volunteer Week



Plenty of roar to share with Lions Club

The parent whose child needs glasses he can't afford, or a mother whose baby needs a medical device; the fire victims who need immediate cash to make it through the day ahead, or the children lined up at the park to select their very own new book to take home; the joy in the eyes of seniors in long term care homes as we spread good cheer, or the Santa Claus Parade when our community comes to celebrate as one. These are just a few of the many diverse avenues of service for the Haliburton and District Lions Club. We raise money to give it away to those in need and to community organizations who are also dedicated to helping others. We love what we do. There is always something unique for each Lion member to grab hold of and run with. There is always a community project that unites us in meaningful service. As individuals, we may be limited to how we can help others and make a difference. As a pride of Lions, opportunities abound. There is something very special in the bond that brings people of good will together for the benefit of others that makes them a Lion. There is the amazing satisfaction that comes with service, and there is the bond of fun, fellowship and merriment that we share. Being a member of the Lions gives meaning to our lives. We need more members and we promise that you will



Vehicles line up to donate during the Haliburton and District Lions Club voluntary Toll Bridge fundraiser on Saturday, July 31 of last year in Haliburton. The fundraiser, which helps community efforts in communities in Haliburton, Stanhope, West Guilford Cardiff and Wilberforce, is one of the ways the Lions raise money. /FILE

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Submitted by Gail Stelter



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Volunteer Week



Rotary Club of Haliburton president Heather Phillips speaks on the phone, delivering the news to last year's annual car draw grand prize winners Laurie and Ross Burk. Proceeds from the draw, which is one of the major fundraisers for the club, are used to help fund community service projects. /FILE



Join the Rotary Club of Haliburton to help others

The Rotary Club of Haliburton is part of Rotary International, a humanitarian service organization, which brings together business and professional leaders in order to provide community service, promote integrity, and advance goodwill, peace, and understanding in the world.

It is a non-political and non-religious organization. Its mission is to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, help people get access to clean water and sanitation, and fight disease. Our newest cause is to protect our planet and its resources. There are more than 46,000 member clubs worldwide, with a membership of 1.4 million individuals, known as Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Haliburton was founded in 1944 to support the local community. Rotary supports numerous local organizations with charity donations to such groups as SIRCH Community Services, Point In Time, Abbey Gardens, local food banks and the Haliburton

Highlands Land Trust, to name a few, and by undertaking direct projects to improve our local community. Past projects include the Head Lake Band Shell, the town clock, the historic locomotive and the Welcome Centre completed last year. The Rotary Club runs community events such as the monthly Good Food Box, the Annual Community Christmas Party, the recent COVID-19 vaccination clinics and our famous Beef-on-a-Bun tent at community street fairs.

The members also meet regularly to promote friendship and camaraderie. Dinner is served before our

weekly meetings. Other social events include going to Haliburton Huskies hockey games, games night at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton and our annual summer barbecue.

Affiliated organizations are the Haliburton Rotaract Club for young adults and the Haliburton Interact Club for high school students. All Rotary Clubs are open to and welcome new members of any age, gender, or ethnicity.

- submitted

Legions give back to communities

The Legion is Canada's largest veterans' organization with more than 450,000 members in approximately 1,600 branches.

Founded in 1925 to meet the needs of all who served in the armed forces and their dependents, the Legion has grown over the years to become Canada's largest service organization providing support to veterans and communities across the country.

One of the primary objectives of the Legion is to encourage, promote, support and participate in all forms of municipal, community and national service.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 has been serving the Haliburton community for more than 60 years.

Volunteer with the Legion!

How can you help the branch? By being part of the executive team or helping out as a volunteer. As our services to the community expand, we need as many volun-

teers as possible to help keep our facility open and operating expenses in check. Our goal is to have more people involved so that we can make each volunteers commitment reasonable. We are seeking volunteers to help out with things such as:

- Bingo night (staffing snack bar or selling bingo sheets)
- Meat draw night – selling tickets
- Fundraising events
- Helping out with various raffles and events
- General property repairs such as painting ... and much more.

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Community volunteers work on completing a structure for the individual pods where vaccine recipients will wait during the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU) vaccination clinic using the "hockey hub" concept on Wednesday, April 7 of last year at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Volunteers were integral to the vaccination effort. /FILE

Volunteers were integral to vaccination clinics

Maybe it's a coincidence that National Volunteer Week and World Immunization Week coincide, but in our community, we witnessed the fusion of these ideals during the mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics throughout 2021.

When the Health Unit approached the Rotary Club of Haliburton about organizing volunteers for clinics, we were eager to accept the leadership role as Rotary International has been active in vaccination efforts for decades. However, it was clear from the start that this effort would require significant community engagement beyond Rotarians.

Over the course of eight months, almost 200 volunteers from the Haliburton Highlands community, the Lions Club, CARP, and the Rotary Club volunteered. Their tasks ranged from welcoming clients, screening people for COVID-19 symptoms, assisting the medical team with timing, providing receipts, wiping chairs, and offering moral support for those who suffer trypanophobia (fear of needles).

When we released the first interactive sign-up sheet we didn't know if we'd get enough volunteers, but we quickly did, and we shouldn't have been surprised as the Highlands has always had willing volunteers.

As the weeks went by, our email list of willing volunteers grew, and it became entertaining to watch people scramble to sign up when the new dates were released. Volunteering at the clinics quickly became the hottest social outing in town!

In fact, I remember telling a small group of volunteers that two people could depart early as the clinic has slowed down during the last hour. Not only did no one ask to head out, but I couldn't force them to go! The fellowship of volunteering with others even in a cold arena was far better than another afternoon in the solitude of their homes.

Volunteering at the clinics provided the opportunity to help others, but it also satisfied each person's innate need to be useful, social, and engaged with the community. It was a pleasure and honour to serve as a Rotarian alongside our great community members.

*Ursula Devolin
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Recognizing support to help those with cancer

DARREN LUM

Editor

There was plenty of appreciation that was shared at a recent Abbey Retreat Centre virtual meeting, which was recognize the supporters of a pilot-program for people with cancer and its success.

In 2021, the centre received a \$30,600 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF), which went to fund their pilot program, Re-shaping Our Cancer Stories, a four-week online initiative geared to supporting those living with a cancer diagnosis. The Resilient Communities Fund grant program was developed to help non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

At the virtual meeting held on Friday, April 8 was MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Laurie Scott, OTF volunteer Elizabeth Finnie-Hunt, representatives from the Retreat Centre and pilot-program participants.

"The Resilient Communities Fund was created to assist the non-profit sector in its ability to build resiliency, provide support and serve communities," Scott said. "I'm glad this grant can help the Abbey Retreat Centre support community members through their new pilot project that will positively impact the lives of those who are experiencing cancer."

From a press release, "Throughout the four-weeks, participants experience a number of gentle, evidence-informed practices that address some of the common side effects of cancer. Time together over Zoom includes restorative yoga and breath work, simple art-making invitations, music and nature connection and honest conversation and sharing. A series of 12 videos was also created to deepen and guide home practices between gatherings. By the end of April, 'Re-Shaping Our Cancer Stories' will have been offered three times."

Abbey Retreat Centre executive director Barb Smith-Morrison said the virtual offering enabled participants, who are known as "piloteers" to benefit from the initiative any where they were.

"We've called them piloteers, because these have been three pilot projects that our hope is and our commitment is now to continue adding to our complement of online programming. It's been really important for people because of the long wait list [of] people. People who are too ill to travel to an in-person retreat. People who live too far away in Ontario or just to add to that supports that they have in the midst of this experience," Smith-Morrison said.

Piloteer Janet Auty Carlisle said she was thankful to participate in the initiative, which was possible because it was online. Carlisle was diagnosed with cancer during the pandemic and said the Abbey Retreat Centre's offering came when she needed it

"So, I did everything by myself. I had to stay away from home for six weeks. I had all my surgery alone. I stayed in the hospital alone. It was all [in] isolation, and it was super lonely and super confusing. So when I was invited into this, I wasn't quite sure what to expect," she said. "I'm one of those non-artsy people that Fay [Wilkinson who is with the Centre] was talking about. And I could not speak more highly about how welcome I felt and how well this resonated with what I needed to have at the time because the connection was so far away from anything I had, and it was just a super scary time for me. [So,] walking into this was like walking into a room sit-



An example of a Re-Shaping Our Cancer Stories program participant's work. The Abbey Retreat Centre's offering was a four-week online pilot program that used the Zoom platform to creatively and compassionately reflect on questions of identity, grief, loss and gratitude to help those living with a cancer diagnosis. Submitted

ting with a bunch of women I'd known for years and having tea. It was very lovely. Thank you for that."

Smith-Morrison thanked Carlisle for being a piloteer and welcomed her to come to the Highlands when possible.

"The Abbey Retreat Centre was born out of a vision to support people living with a cancer diagnosis. Through a variety of in-person and online programs, people affected by cancer are invited to step out of ordinary time into a safe and accepting community where they can experience rest and renewal, companionship, and an introduction to practices that help soothe, strengthen and restore the body, mind and soul in the midst of a can-

cer journey. Retreats and programs are offered at no cost to participants, recognizing that there are already many increased expenses for individuals and families facing cancer," as stated in a press release. For more information see www.abbeyretreatcentre.ca.

Wilkinson, who helped design and execute the online initiative with Miriam Patterson, was thankful for the OTF grant, which enabled the pilot-program to be designed and offered.

"We concluded: We shall not cease from exploration and at the end of it all we'll be to arrive where we started and know that place for the first time," she said. "The path is made by walking."

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Wild paddle

Outdoor wildlife is all around the Highlands, as seen by this beaver sighting, with it swimming across Pelaw Lake in Haliburton. /LAURA SMITH Staff

Hike Haliburton rescheduled for Sept. 21 to 25

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

Hike Haliburton – hopefully really this time – is coming back.

The Haliburton County-led tourism initiative which intends to get people out and about enjoying the region's trails, and then supporting local businesses, is now scheduled for Sept. 21 to 25.

The event was last scheduled to run in February, but plans were scrapped as the Omicron variant led to rising COVID-19 infections in the province and new mass gathering health measures were put in place.

The event was also once planned for the winter of 2021, but was scrapped because of COVID-19.

However, in 2021, there was a successful fall Hike Haliburton program, which had a smaller number of hikes and fewer

people, compared to usual.

The county is hoping that COVID-19 will remain under control through the fall, so a somewhat larger event can take place this year.

At their April 13 virtual meeting, Haliburton County councillors supported staff's recommendation to hold a "smaller number of hikes" and increase the number of people who can participate in each hike from 12 to 15 (up from eight to 10) and "consider a value-added culinary component, which can be added to registration for those interested."

That means a registration program will be set up that allows participants to participate in another fall county event, such as a county art tour or Bookapalooza.

The county has already set aside \$3,000 to stage the event. The last time a full-scale Hike Haliburton event was held was in early 2020 – slightly before COVID-19 health measures came – when 22 hike leaders took about 300 participants on

hikes, which ranged from 1.5 to 10 kilometres.

County staff feel the event is a good one to promote economic development and tourism, as a survey that year showed that 58 per cent of participants spent

money at local restaurants on the weekend.

More details on the program will be announced at hikehaliburton.com as they come about.



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Huskies season ends in heartbreak

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

The inaugural season for the Haliburton County Huskies ended in heartbreak Wednesday night, April 20 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The 4-3 overtime loss to the visiting Cobourg Cougars in game three of the East division finals, means that unfortunately the playoff run has come to an end. As a result of the loss, the Cougars won the best-of-three playoff series, 2-1.

Another packed house played witness to another classic, but the Cougars got on the board first. Jacob Gilbert beat Christian Cicigoi on a great shot, but the Huskies responded 20 seconds later. Patrick Saini picked up another goal in the Ontario Junior Hockey League playoffs, burying a perfect feed from Christian Stevens.

Only one goal was scored in the second, coming from the Huskies very own Payton Schaly. Schaly gave the Huskies their first lead of the night, and in the third the Huskies managed to get another first. Sam Solarino who scored the overtime winner in game two, scored the Huskies first ever penalty shot goal.

Solarino deked out Justin Easter and sent the Huskies faithful into a frenzy. However, the Cougars weren't going to go away without a fight. Caleb Thompson and Mitch Palandra each scored to tie the game to send it to overtime. Despite the Huskies dominating the match offensively, a bad turnover led to a chance from Andy Reist who made no mistake, ending the game and the Huskies' season. The golden goal for the Cougars.

The Huskies were devastated following the tough loss, but still managed to relish in a successful debut year. Winning their first ever playoff series against Trenton and finishing the regular season with a record of 33-16-1-4, which was good enough for third in the division.

Haliburton County rallied around the team like never before. Giving each and every player a celebrity feel, the players on the team loved their time in Haliburton County and appreciated the great coaching staff.

"The first season has gone exceptionally well," said Huskies president and owner Paul Wilson. "I'm so proud of everyone on this team and how they played this year. I'm very excited for bigger and better things to come next season."

For Huskies leading goal scorer Oliver Tarr, the season was a sum of its parts. Everyone worked hard together to achieve this result and for the Uxbridge native. This season was one of his best. Earning himself a NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division 1 scholarship for Canisius College in New York. Tarr is the first Huskies' player to achieve a D1 offer.

"I think it was an unbelievable year," said Tarr. "One of the biggest things is we really put the county on the map. It's a really good program and gives the players a lot of success. The community really embraced the team and I don't think we could've asked for a better spot to play. We really surprised a lot of people this year, and that's pretty hard to do when moving to a new town. We dominated a lot of games and I'm really happy with how we played as a team."

Everyone on the team worked like a well-oiled machine to create this amazing result for both the team and the county. A lot of players became fan favourites, and one of those players was goalie Cicigoi. Coming in and delivering a shutout



Nathan Porter of the Haliburton County Huskies evades his check, Parker Hendsbee of the Cobourg Cougars at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on April 20 in Minden. (Spencer Smye / OJHL Images)

in his first ever game with the team, the Thunder Bay native was beaming from being able to have the opportunity to play for the team.

"When I first got here I didn't know what to expect," said Cicigoi. "The team welcomed me in with open arms, and just building off that chemistry to get a huge win in my first game was amazing. Seeing the crowd reactions was amazing. In [the] playoffs we showed that we have the best fans and, all in all, I think Haliburton [Highlands] is an amazing place to play. Everyone here is awesome."

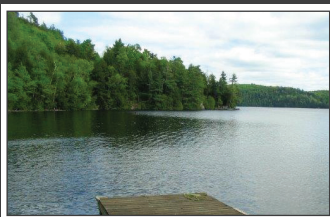
Nathan Porter led the way this season as the first ever team captain, and, despite having his best season of his career, the captain will be graduating as an overage player this off season. Capping off his season with a great group, Porter doesn't plan on quitting hockey anytime soon but does feel he is ready for some downtime with his family.

"It was a dream come true," Porter said. "It's tough when you're playing against teams that have decades of history. It means a lot to do so well. Especially that it's a lot of our last years in the OJHL, everything came to together and it's almost surreal. I had so much fun and I think all the guys that come after us will do even better. To sum it up in one word: amazing!"

As the Huskies move into the off season, a new batch of players will join the squad to replace the departing and overage players. Schaly, Cicigoi, Tarr, Porter and Simon Rose will all be departing the team at season's end, with Tarr, Rose and Schaly having announced their commitments. Judging by the success in the first year, it seems that the Huskies will be a mainstay for many years to come.



Simon Rose of the Haliburton County Huskies makes the hit on a Cobourg Cougars player at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on April 20 in Minden. (Spencer Smye / OJHL Images)



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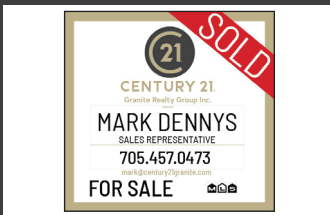


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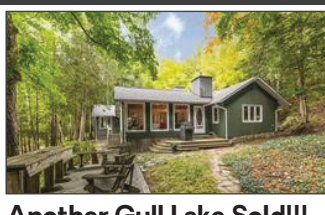
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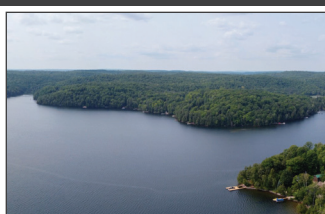


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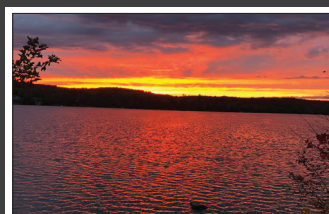
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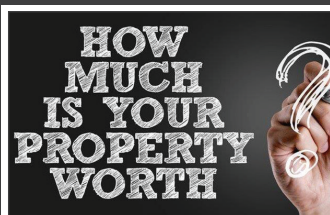
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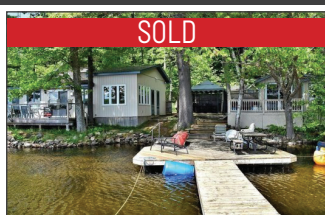


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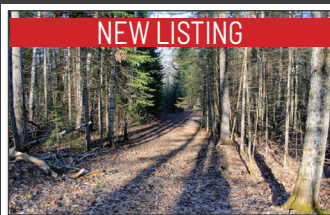


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For the frogs

Local field naturalist Ed Poropat, far right, speaks to people about the chorus frog during the by-donation event on Thursday, April 21 at the fish hatchery in Haliburton. Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, the informative event to raise awareness of the frog and its challenge for survival was made possible in part by the funding from the Environment Canada and Climate Change, Habitat Stewardship Program. /Submitted by Shelley Hunt



Ed Poropat, at back, provides the indoor presentation about the chorus frog during the by-donation event.

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Eleanor Cooper
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I've just read for the second time, *And Now ... Here's Max*.

Only two other books have had the power to make me laugh out loud at the humour so sharply told in such precise well-tuned English. They were Gerald Durrell's *My Family and Other Animals* and Richard Powell's *Pioneer, Go Home!* Their exact wording, like Steve Galea's, gives you the picture they want to convey in the few well chosen words and, of course, I'm in awe of such talent, such work with the right ready wording.

Of course, my favourites are still on the shelves with others of a more serious nature. I'm delving into a second-year university text which opens up a whole comprehensive history of authors and their well-known works, be it novels, poetry or plays. Then, because of a decrepit volume by Robert Louis Stevenson, which a restorer of books in Smith Falls repaired, I'm reading for the first time novels of marvellous description. A distant cousin of his, D.E. Stevenson also claims a spot of favourites on the shelves. What would I do without access to our own Haliburton library and its competent staff who find titles and authors new to me? Such a hobby leaves little time for daily household tasks, and often it's left as a reward at the end of the day when work's all done. I can't hope to emulate the experts, but I applaud the satisfaction and the comedy that their expertise brings.



NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

2022 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the positions listed below must be made on the prescribed form (Form 1) and must include signatures of at least 25 persons (eligible electors within your municipality) endorsing the nomination on the prescribed form (Form 2) (School Board Trustees are excluded from the 25 signature requirement). Nomination forms are available at your local municipal Clerk's Office or on the municipality's website. All Nomination forms must be filed, either in person or by your agent, with the Clerk/Returning Officer of the appropriate municipality during normal office hours between May 2, 2022 to Thursday, August 18, 2022, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day). Please call the appropriate office to schedule an appointment to file your nomination.

The required filing fee for the Head of Council is \$200.00 and all other offices are \$100.00, cash, debit, certified cheque or money order made payable to the appropriate municipality, and must accompany the signed forms. Full details on the procedures to be followed may be obtained from the appropriate Municipal Clerk.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR WHICH PERSONS MAY BE NOMINATED:

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<p>Representing the County of Haliburton with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.</p> <p>Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, Township of Dysart et al</p> <p>Returning Officer – Mallory Bishop</p> <p>Municipality of Dysart et al 135 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 389 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 Tel: 705-457-1740 Email: mbishop@dysartetal.ca Website: www.dysartetal.ca</p>	<p>Representing Sector 1 – Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Hastings; Cities of Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, and the Region of Durham of Conseil scolaire Viamonde.</p> <p>Nominations to be filed with the Clerk, City of Oshawa or a local Municipal Clerk/Returning Officer within Sector 1.</p> <p>The County of Haliburton Local Municipal Clerk(s)/ Returning Officer(s) and municipal contact information is above.</p> <p>City Clerks Services: City of Oshawa 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, ON</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-822-667-4292 Phone: (905) 436-3311 Email: clerks@oshawa.ca Website www.oshawa.ca</p>

Active French learning

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 9 French class students took advantage of the sunny day playing a verb conjugation relay race on Tuesday, April 12. "It helps the students become more engaged, use the information in a different way, and connect with the material in a different way. It is also just good to get moving when we tend to sit a lot in a day," teacher Christine Carr said. /Photos submitted by Christine Carr



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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, May 11th, 2022
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only.
The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2022-004- Farr

- The following variance is requested to permit construction of a garage on a property in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of section 5.2 to permit a garage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 0.16 metres (6 inches) as opposed to the required 3.9 metres (13 feet), granted by D13-MV-2021-015;
- Location: Part Lot 24, Concession 9, Lot 114, Plan 524 in the Geographic Township of Harburn, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Bernies Road).

2. D13-MV-2022-006- Trigila

- The following variance is requested to convert the second storey of a seasonal dwelling to living space resulting in an increased second storey dwelling unit area on a lot in the WR4 zone:
 - a) An increase to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a main building in the Waterfront Residential Type 4 (WR4) zone to have a maximum gross floor area of any storey of 515 square metres (5543.5 square feet) as opposed to the required maximum area of 372 square metres (4004.2 square feet).
- Location: Part Lot 26 and 27, Concession 5, Lot 80, Plan 513, Part 1, Plan 19R9913 in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Watts Road).

3. D13-MV-2022-005- Poirier

- The following variance is requested to construct a sunroom attached to their existing dwelling on a property in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 18.3 metres (60 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 20 metres (65.62 feet);
- Location: Part Lot 4, Concession 4, Lot 19, Plan 498, in the Geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Long Lake Road).

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jiles@dysartet.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of
Adjustment



What's new at Point in Time?

Update on Services & Supports

Point in Time (PinT) and the Youth Hub continue to see clients at the office, in home, and in the community by appointment. We are also doing meetings virtually, or by phone.

We are an agency funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and Ministry of Health, and as such, provide service to clients who may be vulnerable. Please note that while masking/face covering is no longer a requirement in some spaces in Ontario, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and Youth Hub sites continue to require all staff and visitors to wear a three-layer medical face mask when on-site and in common areas (lobby/hall, washrooms). This policy may be reassessed in the future.

Respite Now

Need a break? Or looking for work? Respite NOW offers a broad spectrum of services, including at-home care and community support. Check out the free Respite Now App to find a match.

Sensory-friendly vaccination clinic

pinT Early Intervention staff co-facilitated three sensory-friendly child vaccination clinics over February and March. The clinic was held at the Haliburton PinT office and facilitated in partnership with the HKPR Health Unit and Haliburton County Paramedic Services, and received positive feedback from community partners. Twelve children were served. PinT staff recently presented to the local Health Unit on tips for hosting sensory friendly vaccine clinics.

Youth Hub Update

The Youth Hub is busy planning spring and summer programming, with help from community partners. Stay tuned for more information about workshops from the Arts Council, as well as LGBTQ2S+ support/education groups for parents and youth. Drop-ins at the Youth Hub are currently running every Tuesday and Thursday 1 to 7 p.m. Please call or text to let us know you are coming as space is limited at 705-306-5199.

Mobile Care and Share

Every Monday and Wednesday!
Call or text the hub to let us know if you need anything, like food, toiletries, resources or a friendly chat. If you give us your number, we can text or call you weekly to see if you need anything. We travel all over Haliburton County!

April Clothing Drive

We are so grateful to receive clothing donations! And we received so much that we need a whole day to pass them on. Thanks for all who donated and attended!

Update on Summer Programs

We are disappointed to announce that due to staff recruitment challenges and the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions, we have made the difficult decision not to run Summer Adventure Day Camp and Summer Fun Zone this summer. We will be offering children's activities kits that families are able to pick up or will be mailed out throughout the summer. Please check our Facebook page and website for more details and a list of community resources.

Thanks for your patience and understanding and we hope to see you in 2023!

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Ward, Joan Marylin (nee Douglas)

died peacefully on March 30th, 2022 at Andy's House Hospice in Port Carling Ontario.

She was born on November 14th, 1938 in St. Mary's ON where she attended elementary and high school. Her parents owned a garage there and later, a trailer park in Grand Bend called Wondergrove. In her early teens Joan, with her mother's blessing, fibbed about her age and moved away to be a waitress at Milford Bay Manor in Muskoka. She had chutzpah and she loved an adventure – just like her mom.

Joan graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto with a diploma in Interior Design and was one of only three women in Canada at the time to become a member of the National Society of Interior Designers. While attending Ryerson she caught the eye of a promising footballer and part-time caterer, Arthur Ward, who was enrolled in the hospitality program.

Whilst working together at Cleverlands House, Muskoka in the summer of 1958 they became 'smitten' - with each other as well as the resort lifestyle. They married soon after graduating in 1960 and began working various assignments in Hamilton and Brockville. Joan's acumen for style and design fit nicely with hospitality and in 1967 they soon settled in as Innkeepers of the Wigamog Inn in beautiful Haliburton. This was the canvas to which Joan applied her creative talents for 27 years and raised her three 'wild ferrets' Kimberley, Lisa and Christopher. These were the 70s and 80s and 'Joannie' embodied everything social and colourful about these times. She was a fiercely independent woman and respected for her keen sense of fashion and her acerbic tongue. When trying to make a point she would often say - "I like to call a spade a f#%&\$# shovel when I see one".

After retiring, Joan purchased Country Rose Garden Center from dear friend (and previous head waitress of Wigamog) - Brenda Ripley. It still flourishes today. She also opened Antiques and Neat Stuff beside "The Rose" and toiled about in her little piece of paradise there until 2017 – talking the ear off complete strangers and entertaining them with her incredible ability to find that 6 or seven degrees of separation where she inevitably knew something about someone in your family.

Joan was a huge fan of the arts, of antique stores, of counting cards at her epic bridge nights, telling jokes and being a confidant to countless staff and friends over the years. She was known as "The Dragon Lady". We are not sure why but it likely had something to do with industrial chain-smoking combined with tired exasperation when she let people know where they stood after crossing her. She was someone who rarely knew where her kids were but always knew that they were safe ... ish.

Joan is predeceased by her husband Art (Dec '21) and her brothers Gary and Bob Douglas. She is survived by daughters Kimberley and Lisa, son Christopher and 10 grandchildren. As per Joan's wishes, there will be no service. Cremation took place in Toronto with her final resting place at the Ingoldsby United Cemetery near her beloved town of Haliburton beside husband Art, mother Mayme and father Murray. If you listen closely ... you will likely still hear them arguing. Dragons are like that.

Charitable donations can be made to your local cancer agency as her second hand smoke has affected many. Her humour will be missed, her style sense will forever be remembered and her poker pot remains hidden. Thank you for everything mom, we love and miss you dearly – despite the times you docked our pay for taking lunch breaks when we worked through. Set 'em straight up there and say hello to Caesar for us.





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It is with profound sadness that our family announces Pearl's passing on April 20, 2022 at her home in Minden at the age of 90 years. We are so blessed knowing Mom left this world exactly the way she wanted. She went quietly in her sleep after celebrating an Easter weekend with her family. We shared lots of laughter, good food and as usual Mom won most of the card games played.

She leaves her beloved husband Ivan of 72 years. Loving mother to Kathy, Glenda (Jack Grosvenor), Gerald (Kim) and proud grandmother of Ashley (David Ashworth) and Shaun. Survived by sisters Carol Bradimore, Gladys (Chris Norris) and brother Sherman (Betty Ann) Cruikshanks and many nieces and nephews.

Pearl was born and raised in the Haliburton Highlands. Shortly after Ivan and Pearl married, they began travelling across Southern Ontario from Windsor to Cornwall wherever Ontario Hydro took them. In 1961 they made Burlington their permanent home. Mom and Dad immediately joined St. Stephen United Church and remained active members until its recent closure. She was a member of Highland Hills United Church in Minden. After Dad's retirement in 1988, Mom and Dad enjoyed many trips and cruises to England, Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, all across Canada and many US States. Most memorable were the family road trips to Branson Missouri, "down East", numerous trips to Florida and Killarney Lodge, Algonquin.

Stretching to reach four feet, ten inches and 100 pounds, Mom lived life like a heavy weight. Her work ethic, loyalty to family and friends and determination to be involved and supportive in every possible way was who she was. She trusted in her faith and her family.

We will forever cherish Mom's resilience to overcome her own health issues throughout the years, while always being strong in her caring of others. Her Christmas baking, family meals and nuts and bolts remain legendary.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday, April 25, 2022 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Then to the Highland Hills United Church, Minden for the service to celebrate Pearl's life on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 11:00 am. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow back at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home.

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Haliburton County residents have flocked to the water in the past few days to experience their first swims of the season. This was the scene at Rotary Beach in Haliburton, Monday night as dozens of children and parents enjoyed an after supper swim to escape the heat.

Expected to cost between \$260,000 and \$300,000

Minden curlers plan new rink

Anson, Hindon and Minden council last week approved in principle a proposal from the Minden curling club for the construction of a new curling facility in the village. The proposed building would be built adjacent to the Minden arena, and would use the existing arena wall on one side.

pected to cost between \$260,000 and \$300,000. The proposed building would have three levels, with shower and locker facilities, a kitchen and dining area, and a lounge viewing area, as well as four sheets of ice. Jackson said the committee anticipates that \$180,000 to \$200,000 in grant money might be made available for the project. Donated labour, and existing club money could be used for the project, leaving as little as \$50,000 to be raised.

The club presently uses two ice surfaces in a quonset hut structure on municipal

park land. If the new facility is built, the existing structure is expected to be used by the Minden Agricultural Society, Jackson said.

Jackson said the building committee proposal will be taken back to the club executives and will then be submitted to the club members for

approval. That approval could come within the next three or four weeks, Jackson said.

The building committee hopes work on a new facility can begin as early as July or August, with completion by January or February.

Declining enrolment may cost jobs

Alex Miller and J.O. Jackson of the clubs building committee told council the facilities would be designed for use by a number of organizations both during and between curling seasons. Jackson said Monday the project, as conceived by the building committee, is ex-

A continuing trend toward declining enrolment could result in a loss of some 320 students in Haliburton County schools by 1981, according to figures released at a

meeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education last Tuesday. The figures, compiled by the Board's director of education, J.D. Hodgson, show 1977 enrol-

ment totalled 1486. By 1981, that number may be as low as 1166, Hodgson's report indicates.

The figures, based on census information, county birth statistics, and present numbers of students in public school grades, are intended to provide the board with a guideline, and the figures represent the lowest possible enrolment, Hodgson said. He stressed that no allowance for growth in the county was made in compiling the statistics. But the director of education said he felt the

figures were "a fairly realistic projection."

"In the next three years, we'll have to reduce our teaching force in the elementary schools by ten or a dozen teachers," Hodgson said. "I think attrition (teachers leaving or retiring) will take care of it in the secondary schools."

On the positive side, Hodgson said, declining enrolment could result in savings to taxpayers since more than 70 per cent of the board's annual budget is

Stanhope budget up only slightly over '77

Stanhope Township residents will be facing an overall increase of 2.29 per cent in municipal taxes this year, as a result of the new budget for 1978.

School residential costs will increase 12.47 per cent and county residential millrates will increase 8.89 per cent overall.

Actual 1977 expenditures

in the municipality were \$151,098, an increase of more than \$21,000 over the estimate of \$129,650. The 1978 estimate is \$132,685.

Gerald Bain, clerk for Stanhope, stressed that much of the difference between these two figures was due to government loans and grants included in the costs of the '77

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Whew! It's been hot!

Cooler temperatures are coming, weatherman says

Haliburton County residents who have been sweltering in a hot office or on a hot beach this past week can take heart - the weatherman says temperatures are going to become a little more tolerable.

Ray La Roche of Environment Canada, in Peterborough, also says that even though temperatures have been unusually high for this time of the year, they have not been record-breaking. In fact, at the same time last year, temperatures were also higher than average.

But over the next few days, the heat wave should break and the weather will become unsettled with occasional chances of showers. Thursday and Friday should give us highs of 25 and lows of 12 during the nights.

For the weekend, however, the temperatures

should drop to the low 20's and stay sunny until Monday.

The long-range forecast through mid-June indicates a drop from normal seasonal temperatures. Temperatures ranging from the high teens to the low twenties should dominate the weather picture over most of central and northern Ontario for the next few weeks.

For the past 18 days, the temperatures have obviously been above normal - four to seven degrees above normal in fact. What's been causing it?

La Roche says that "it's just one of those things," and that we'd "better not start complaining now, since the summer hasn't even started."

Meeting will be sought with County Council

Planning council to urge consolidation

Consolidation of social services in Haliburton could result in cost savings, as well as improved social services for county residents, according to Bert Costello, director of social services for Victoria County. Speaking at a meeting of the Haliburton Co. Social Planning Council in Carnarvon, Thursday, Costello said the provincial government favours consolidation of social services at the county level. He said Haliburton is one of five counties in the province which have resisted consolidation.

Social services in Victoria County came under county wide administration in 1967, Costello said. At the time the move was made, there "were a couple of county councillors who were against it," but he said the present council is unanimous in their approval of the consolidated system.

In Haliburton County, welfare payments are administered at the municipal or township level by clerk-treasurers or bylaw enforcement officers. Few social services are available, and individual needing special counselling must often travel long distances to seek it.

Haliburton County clerk, Winn Lahay, said Tuesday that county council has discussed the idea of consolidation in the past, but has rejected it, partially because of a fear of increased costs under a central administration and partly because of a feeling among councillors that the system of welfare payments is working adequately at present. Council felt the system "could become a giant" under consolidation, the county clerk said.

Costello presented rough dollar estimates at the Carnarvon meeting which showed costs could remain at close to their present level, while

Year round fine arts program planned

The county of Haliburton may soon have a year-round fine arts program which would offer a film-rental service, craft shows, theatre and other activities.

The services will be offered by the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts. Carole Finn, one of the directors of the project, says plans are under way to organize and establish the services. "At present, we're exploring things to find out exactly what is happening and what will be happening," she said.

The purpose of the project will be to bring art and craft shows into the community in addition to providing the public with specific services such as student activities and a picture-loan service.

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services would improve, under a central welfare administration office for the county. Actual per capita costs for welfare assistance in Haliburton County were 36 cents in April, Costello said, while in Victoria County, the per capita cost in April was 33 cents, including administration costs.

The provincial government pays a 50 per cent subsidy on administration costs for wel-

fare programs, Costello said.

One member of the audience said there is an "incredible bias" on the part of some municipal clerks against welfare recipients, and pointed out that professionals administering the payment of welfare benefits would have a different attitude.

Social planning council chairman, Dave Woodall, said it was unlikely county council would move toward

consolidation unless documents could be produced to show that the benefits of a central welfare administration and consolidated social services would outweigh any cost increases that might be incurred.

A committee was formed to investigate the benefits of consolidation, and to prepare a proposal which is expected to be taken to county council in the next few months.

Little appointed to B of E

Tom Little, an unsuccessful candidate for the Haliburton County Board of Education in 1976, was appointed to the board last Tuesday, following the resignation of Scotty LaRue. LaRue, along with Jack Brohm, recently purchased the school bussing operation of Travelways Bus Lines, and the resignation came as a result of conflict of interest stemming from the purchase.

LaRue was himself appointed to the seat in Decem-

ber, following the resignation of Rick Poole, Chairman of the board, who left the Haliburton area for a job in Winnipeg.

Little was present at the board's meeting last week, and told the board he had polled more than 400 votes in

his unsuccessful bid for election in 1976.

Little, who is a resident of Haliburton, is married and has one child.

He will hold the seat until November when the present board's two year term in office expires.

Concrete plant may be built in Haliburton

A concrete products manufacturing plant could be built in Haliburton in the near future, if there is a sufficient market to warrant constructing the plant. Don Shortreed, Manager of the Brooklin Concrete Products plant in Huntsville said Tuesday that the company hopes it can set up a manufacturing plant in Haliburton eventually.

The company has obtained the vacant lot located between LaRue Motors and the Brewers Retail outlet on Hwy. 121. At the May meeting of Dysart council, approval was given to seek a zoning change for the property, to light industrial from its present highway commercial designation. A 300 foot wide strip, adjacent to the highway, will remain commercial, however, council decided.

At the outset, the company will set up a retail outlet on the property, Shortreed said. Concrete products will be brought to the Haliburton location from Brooklin's other plants in Huntsville and Brooklin. Shortreed said an office building will be erected on the site within the next two months, and a garage is also planned to house a company vehicle.

The Huntsville operation manager said "there's nothing definite right now" on the possibility of a plant on the site. "It's quite a costly thing to set up a manufacturing plant, and the market would

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Mark Lardner was still running hard at the finish of the 13 mile half marathon race in the Haliburton area Sunday afternoon. The race drew 14 entrants, 9 of whom managed to complete the full distance.

Stanhope reeve stepping down, may run in Minden

Sinclair Nesbitt, reeve of Stanhope for the past eight years, will not be seeking the job for a fifth term when municipal elections are held in November. Nesbitt made the announcement last week at a meeting of the Maple Lake Cottagers Association. "I'm a mountain climber," Nesbitt said in an interview Monday, "and there isn't a whole lot more to be done in Stanhope."

During the terms in which he has headed Stanhope

council, Nesbitt has seen the township acquire a new library, fire hall and township garage. In addition, the roads department has been greatly expanded.

Though he has decided to step down from the job of reeve in Stanhope, Nesbitt may not be giving up municipal politics.

"I'll take a long look at it here locally," he said. "I'll be available if anybody wants me in Minden."



Kelly Youngdale, a grade 1 student at Victoria Street School operated the dinosaurs. The play, written by the students, was performed for an audience of parents and other pupils on Wednesday.

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